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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Examiner: Martin, N. A.

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Group Art Unit: 2154

Title: RULES-BASED DECISION ENGINE

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment () Petition to extend time to respond
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(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	24	MINUS	24	= 0	X \$50	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	6	MINUS	6	= 0	X \$200	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$360	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$120.00	2ND MONTH \$450.00	3RD MONTH \$1020.00	4TH MONTH \$1590.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

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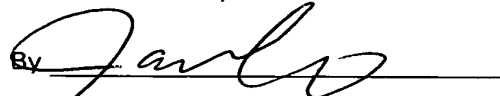
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In the Office Action mailed January 05, 2005, the Examiner has stated that the present Patent Application contains claims directed to three distinct inventions; Invention I, Invention II and Invention III.

Specifically, the Examiner contends that the first invention, Invention I, is represented by Claims 1-2 and is drawn to a system for providing information to a client computer in a client/server environment, classified in class 709, subclass 228. The Examiner further contends that the second invention, Invention II, is represented by Claims 3-23 and is drawn to a rules evaluation system executing actions, classified in class 706, subclass 18. The examiner additionally contends that the third invention, Invention III, is represented by Claim 24 and is drawn to a rules engine processing files, classified in class 706, subclass 20. As such, the Examiner has required Applicants to elect an invention for prosecution on the merits.

ELECTION WITHOUT TRAVERSE BETWEEN
INVENTION I and INVENTION II and INVENTION III

Applicants elect without traverse the second invention, Invention II, represented by Claims 3-23 and drawn to a rules evaluation system executing actions, classified in class 706, subclass 18. Thus, Applicants elect Claims 3-23 without traverse.